

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A steam generating device comprising:

(a) a barrel shape pot, said barrel shape pot is having a flattened in a lateral direction, elongate horizontal cross-section;

(b) a heater arranged in a bottom part of the barrel shape pot; and

(c) a steam suction device portion that extends horizontally, above the barrel shape pot such that the steam suction device extends in a horizontal direction perpendicular to a vertical center axis line of said barrel shape pot, and transects said barrel shape pot in a the lateral direction in which the steam suction portion crosses an axis line of the pot, and that occupies a space having a flat vertical cross sectional shape.

2. (Currently amended) The steam generating device of claim 1, wherein

the heater is built with a sheath heater that is immersed in water inside the barrel shape pot.

3. (Currently amended) The steam generating device of claim 1, wherein

the steam suction device portion is built with a plurality of steam suction ejectors that are each formed to penetrate the barrel shape pot in the lateral direction from one flat side to an opposite flat-side.

4. (Original) The steam generating device of claim 3, wherein

the plurality of steam suction ejectors are arranged side by side at a same level.

5. (Currently amended) A steam cooking apparatus comprising:

(a) a heating chamber in which food is placed;

(b) an outer circulation passage through which gas inside the heating chamber is sucked in and is then returned to the heating chamber; and

(c) the steam generating device of claim 1 that feeds steam, through the steam suction ~~device portion~~, to the outer circulation passage.

6. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein

in the steam generating device, the steam suction ~~device portion~~ is built with a plurality of steam suction ejectors that are each formed to penetrate the barrel shape pot in the lateral direction from one ~~flat-side~~ to an opposite ~~flat-side~~, and

the outer circulation passage divides into a plurality of paths through ~~the~~ corresponding a steam suction ejector of the plurality steam suction ejectors in the steam suction device.

7. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 6 ~~claim~~ wherein

in the steam generating device, the plurality of steam suction ejectors are arranged side by side at a same level, ~~and~~

~~the outer circulation passage divides into a plurality of paths through the corresponding steam suction ejectors.~~

8. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein  
the steam generating device is arranged with one flatten side of the barrel shape  
pot parallel to a side wall of the heating chamber.
9. (Currently amended) The steam cooking apparatus of claim 5, wherein  
the outer circulation passage is connected to a sub-cavity provided adjacent to the  
heating chamber, and  
the steam flowing through the outer circulation passage into the sub-cavity is  
heated by a second heater ~~ing means~~ provided in the sub-cavity, and is then fed to the  
heating chamber.